

HOUSE BILL 3579

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36
and Title 38, relative to the reporting of medical
treatment under certain circumstances.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-1-101, is amended by designating subsection (b) as subsection (c) and by adding the following new subsection (b):

(b)

(1) The reporting provisions in subsection (a) do not apply if the person seeking or receiving treatment:

(A) Is 18 years of age or older;

(B) Is a victim of a sexual assault offense or domestic abuse as defined in § 36-3-601; and

(C) Objects to the release of any identifying information to law enforcement officials.

(2) A report of aid provided to a sexual assault or domestic abuse victim pursuant to this subsection (b) shall be made to the chief of police, sheriff or district attorney general in the jurisdiction where the victim is treated or where the injury occurred. Such report shall not include the victim's, name, address or other identifying information without the expressed written consent of the victim. The report shall be made on forms created by the Domestic Violence State Coordinating Council and describe the general area where the injury occurred and the character and extent of the injuries inflicted.

(3) This exception shall not apply if the sexual assault or domestic abuse victim is being treated for injuries inflicted by a knife, pistol, gun, or other deadly weapon.

SECTION 2. For the purpose of the Domestic Violence State Coordinating Council creating the necessary forms, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect on September 1, 2012.